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FOR ASSISTANT SECRETARY ATHERTON FROM AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PGOV EG IS USO
SUBJECT: SECRETARY'S ATTENDANCE AT JERUSALEM POLITICAL
COMMITTEE MEETING

REF: STATE 5046

1. IN MEETING WITH FONMIN KAMEL AND MINSTATE BOUTROS GHALI
TODAY, I TOLD THEM OF SECRETARY'S VIEW THAT POLITICAL
OMMITTEE BE CONVENED IMMEDIATELY IN CLOSED SESSION (AFTER
PHOTOGRAPHS, IF DESIRED) AND FOREGO OPENING STATEMENTS.
THIS WOULD BE CONSISTENT WITH CONCEPT THAT MEETINGS ARE
THOSE OF A WORKING COMMITTEE AND WOULD AVOID RISKING COM-
PLICATIONS WHICH PUBLIC STATEMENTS LIKELY CREATE. IT WOULD
ALSO SAVE TIME AND ALLOW MAXIMUM OPPORTUNITY TO COME TO
GRIPS WITH SUBSTANTIVE ISSUES. I HOPED KAMEL WOULD AGREE
WITH THIS CONCEPT. AFTER DISCUSSING IT BRIEFLY WITH GHALI,
KAMEL READILY AGREED, SUBJECT TO ISRAELI CONCURRENCE.

2. KAMEL SAID HE WOULD LIKE THE OPPORTUNITY MEET WITH
THE SECRETARY BEFORE OPENING SESSION AND AGREED TO PRO-
POSED 0915 TIME MONDAY MORNING. (COMMENT: I AM JUST A
BIT CONCERNED THAT THERE BE AT LEAST SOME SEMBLANCE OF
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"EQUAL TIME" BETWEEN THE SECRETARY'S MEETINGS WITH BEGIN/
DAYAN AND WITH KAMEL. A 0915 MEETING WOULD ALLOW ONLY
45 MINUTES, WHICH WILL PRESUMABLY BE CONSIDERABLY
LESS THAT THE MEETING WITH BEGIN/DAYAN SUNDAY EVENING.

3. ALSO GAVE KAMEL LIST OF U.S. DELEGATION MEMBERS AND
THOSE WHO WILL REMAIN BEHIND AFTER SECRETARY DEPARTS.

4. KAMEL PROMISED PROVIDE EGYPTIAN DELEGATION LIST LATER
TODAY. EILTS

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